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Atty Docket No.: MN-9091A)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

For the above-referenced application, enclosed please find:

- 1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533);
- 2) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and Submission of Missing Parts (3 ccs, 2 pgs);
- 3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Richard O'Brien; and;
- 4) A Return Post Card.

Respectfully submitted,

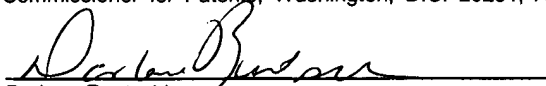


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As requested by Item 1 of the Notice to File Missing Parts, enclosed please find a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by inventor Richard O'Brien.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for a total of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars and no/100 (\$130.00) for the payment of the surcharge fee (\$130) as requested in Items 2 & 3. Three copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes.

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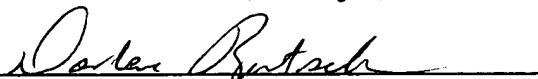
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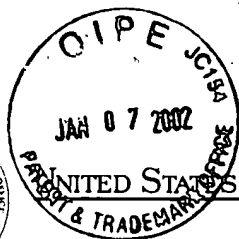

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Richard O'Brien
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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